Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not think there is any necessity for referring this to a Select Committee. So I move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The following sections were put and carried.

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, as amended by Regulation III of 1097, (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulation), it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement. 1. This Regulation may be called 'the Cochin Village Panchayat (Amendment) Regulation of 1109', and it shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 10. 2. In section 10 of the said Regulation, the fullstop at the end of the section shall be converted into a comma and the following shall be added thereafter:—

"and provided also that the Government may remove him from his office in case he fails to attend to his duties continuously for a period of one month".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I further move that the Bill be taken up to-morrow and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Here again the amendment proposed is more or less necessitated on some practical difficulties. As the statement of objects and reasons points out under section 237 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation the Government may, by notification issued after previous publication, enforce either permanently or temporarily all or any of the provisions of the Regulation relating to scavenging, nuisances, licenses and fees and vital statistics and the prevention of disease in any specified area in a taluk and appoint officers for carrying out those provisions and such officers will have the powers of a municipal authority. Some of the sections of the Regulation have accordingly been introduced to carry out those provisions. Government propose to invest the Division Sanitary Inspectors and the Sanitary Inspectors of certain specified places with police powers. Under the Regulation certain Municipal officers may be invested with police powers. There is no express provision in the Regulation to invest these powers to officers of the Sani-

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tary Department. It is found highly necessary to invest Sanitary Inspectors also with these powers. This amendment is to enable the Government to invest Sanitary Inspectors with police powers. I move that the Bill be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is the 'Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill'.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— I move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The following sections were put and carried.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096, it is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. This Regulation may be called the Cochin Municipal (Amendment) Regulation of 1109 and it shall come into force at once.

Substitution of a new section for section 228.

2. For section 228 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096 as amended by Regulation II of 1102, the following shall be substituted :—

"228. The Government may empower any Municipal servant or any servant of the Cochin Public Health Department or any class of Municipal servants or any class of servants attached to the Cochin Public Health Department to exercise the powers of a Police Officer for the purpose of this Regulation and of the Cochin Nuisances Regulation, IV of 1098".

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I further beg to move that the Bill be taken up and passed to-morrow.

Mr. C.J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Bill to amend the Press and Registration of Books Regulation.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, There are 3 Bills standing in my name all to be introduced to-day. These 3 Bills are in a way interconnected and I think the best plan to save unnecessary repetition will be to explain all these 3 Bills together. In Cochin, unlike the case elsewhere, there exists practically no Press Law worth the name. The only Regulation in force is Regulation VII of 1097 which is a copy, as it existed in 1097, of the British Indian Act XXV of 1867 which is an Act intended to control the publication of books and newspapers. But the amount of control introduced by the Regulation is next to noth-

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